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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 3,7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takashima (US 6,011,594).

Regarding claim 1, Takashima teach a program receiver comprising: a plurality of tuners each receiving a program (e.g. figure 6, first tuner 11 and second tuner 17); first output means for outputting the program received by the first tuner (e.g. video processing circuit 12 outputting video signal s2); second output means for outputting a program received by a tuner other than the first tuner (e.g. video processing circuit 18 outputting video signal s5); and switching means for changing an output of the first output means to an output of the second output means in response to a start signal input from an outside (e.g. column 6, line 56- column 7, line 30, switch 511 selects the output of the first tuner 11, then switches to select the output of tuner 17 based on the control signal from the microcomputer 22), and for changing the output of the second

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output means to the output of the first output means in response to an end signal input from the outside after passage of a predetermined time (e.g. as the output of the first tuner 11 becomes stable after a preset period of time, switch 511 switches back to tuner 11 from tuner 17 under the control of the microcomputer 22), wherein the second output means outputs the program received by the first tuner or sequentially outputs different programs received by the tuner other than the first tuner (e.g. the first tuner 11 and the second tuner 17 receives television signal from different channels).

Claim 2 is rejected for the same reasons as discussed in claim 1 above, wherein Figure 3A-B and column 4, lines 31-38 teach a parent channel received by the first tuner 11, which is considered to be the main channel, and the child channel received by the tuner 17 is considered to be the channel other than the mail channel. The claim does not exclude the use of a second tuner.

Regarding claims 3 and 7, Takashima teaches continuation means for continuously outputting the program while the second output means is outputting the program (e.g. column 3, lines 27-31 and column 4, lines 14-27, the program is sequentially outputted from the first tuner 11, while the video received in the second tuner 17 is also outputted in a double-screen display mode).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the

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invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takashima (US 6,011,594) as applied to claims 1, 2, 3 above, and further in view of Klosterman et al (US 2001/0,013,124 A1).

See the teaching of Takashima above.

Regarding claims 4 and 8, Takashima fails to teach sequentially outputs the programs on a plurality of channels within a predetermined time, and sequentially outputs the programs on the channels starting at the last channel when the output of the first output means is changed to the output of the second output means next time. Klosterman et al teach sequentially outputs the programs on a plurality of channels within a predetermined time, and sequentially outputs the programs on the channels starting at the last channel when the output of the first output means is changed to the output of the second output means next time (e.g. paragraph [0031] and [0073], tune to one or more of the multiple FOX channels in a serial manner during the commercial break). It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Klosterman et al into the teaching of Takashiman to alter what a television viewer watches without the viewer changing channels (Klosterman et al, paragraph [0030]).

Regarding claims 5, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Klosterman et al teach the start signal and the end signal are generated in response to a start and an end of a commercial broadcast halfway along the program, respectively (e.g. paragraph [0042] and [0031], when the head end determines that the advertisement is finished on

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channel A, the head end inserts a channel change command to instruct the TV to return to channel A. "halfway along the program" is considered to be the commercial between the 2nd and 3rd quarter of the SuperBowl, which is half way along the program).

Regarding claims 6, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18, Klosterman et al teach start signal is generated by a viewer's input operation, and the end signal is generated after the passage of a predetermined time (e.g. paragraph [0042], in the "manual intervention", the user can tune to channel C, then tune back to channel A or B after a predetermine time period).

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Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Pauley (US 5,900,916).

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